

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1731**

**PATENT APPLICATION
Q87775**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Heinz FOCKE

Appln. No.: 10/533,221

Group Art Unit: 1731

Confirmation No.: 7071

Examiner: Phu Hoang NGUYEN

Filed: April 29, 2005

For: DEVICE FOR PROCESSING TOBACCO DURING THE PRODUCTION OF CIGARETTES

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three (3) months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of November 27, 2007 to May 27, 2008.

The statutory fee of \$1,050.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen. The USPTO is also directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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